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1. YOU SHOULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO  
PRESIDENT KHAMA.

2. QUOTE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS AND AMBASSADOR  
REINHARDT HAVE REPORTED TO ME FULLY ON YOUR LONG AND  
USEFUL MEETING. I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE WELCOME  
YOU GAVE THEM AND THE VALUABLE ADVICE WHICH YOU SENT  
TO ME.

I HAVE JUST REACHED LUSAKA WHERE I AM MEETING  
PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND WILL CONTINUE MY DISCUSSIONS  
TOMORROW WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE. I WILL ASK YOUR  
COLLEAGUES TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE GIVEN A DETAILED  
ACCOUNT OF MY MISSION AND WHERE MATTERS STAND.

THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH I CONDUCTED IN PRETORIA  
WERE LONG AND ARDUOUS BUT IN MY JUDGMENT THE OUTCOME  
WAS POSITIVE. WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS  
TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA AND A RESOLUTION OF  
THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM.

CONCERNING RHODESIA I REVIEWED WITH IAN SMITH  
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AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS RHODESIAN PARTY THE

FRAMEWORK OF A SETTLEMENT WHICH UNDERSECRETARY ROGERS AND AMBASSADOR REINHARDT DISCUSSED WITH YOU. THAT FRAMEWORK WAS DEVELOPED, AS YOU KNOWN, IN CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UK AND WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES-- THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS. I PRESSED HOME TO IAN SMITH THE REALITIES OF THE PRESENT SITUATION AND THE NEED TO MOVE RHODESIA TO MAJORITY RULE. I WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE RESULTS AND BY THE REACTION OF PRIME MINISTER VORSTER TO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. SMITH HAS RETURNED TO SALISBURY AND HAS AGREED TO REPORT FAVORABLY TO HIS RHODESIAN COLLEAGUES. HE HAS PROMISED ME AN ANSWER LATER THIS WEEK.

WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER I DISCUSSED THE CONDITIONS FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA WHICH YOU, THE OTHER FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS, AND SWAPO HAVE ADVANCED. IN MY JUDGEMENT THE PROSPECTS ARE GOOD FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL LEAD TO NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE. THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER HAS A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE INTEREST WHICH THE US ATTACHES TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE NAMIBIAN AND RHODESIAN PROBLEMS. HE UNDERSTANDS HOW SERIOUSLY WE WOULD VIEW FAILURE. I AM ALSO CONFIDENT THAT THE SAME POINT IS CLEAR TO IAN SMITH.

WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY IN ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES WHICH YOU AND THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS HAVE SOUGHT. THE TIME IS NOW RIGHT FOR AFRICAN STATESMAN LIKE YOURSELF TO JUDGE THE RESULTS AND IF YOU FIND THAT THEY SERVE YOUR NATION'S AND AFRICA'S INTERESTS, TO ACT TO MAKE SURE THAT A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION IS REACHED.

I NOTED WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST YOUR OBSERVATION THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS REACTING UNFAVORABLY TO THE EFFORT WE HAVE LAUNCHED TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO THE ISSUES CONFRONTING SOUTHERN AFRICA. YOUR ANALYSIS OF SOVIET REACTIOS AND INTENTIONS IS SIMILAR TO MY OWN. I SHARE THE CONCERN YOU EXPRESSED AND CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE US WILL VIEW MOST SERIOUSLY SOVIET INTERVENTION. WE TOO WISH TO AVOID A

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REPETITION OF THE ANGOLAN SITUATION. YOUR SUPPORT DURING THAT CRISIS WAS A SOURCE OF GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO ME. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES CONTINUE YOUR EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENTS IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA SO THAT A NEW ANGOLA DOES NOT OCCUR AND THE NATIONALIST FORCES ARE NOT EXPLOITED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

I WOULD WELCOME YOUR SUPPORT FOR WHAT HAS BEEN

ACHIEVED AND LOOK TO YOU TO USE YOUR INFLUENCE IN  
SUCH A WAY THAT THE RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS AND  
SWAPO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR  
THEIR NATIONS AND AFRICA AS A WHOLE.

AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE WILL VISIT YOU IN GABORONE  
NEXT WEEK. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GIVING HIM  
YOUR VIEWS ON THE SITUATION AND YOUR ADVICE ON  
WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

WITH WARM REGARDS,  
HENRY A. KISSINGER UNQUOTE  
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